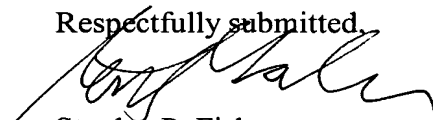


REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-9 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the present Amendment.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due consideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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